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**REMARKS**

Claim 1 remains pending in this application. Claim 1 is rejected. Claims 2-5 are previously cancelled. No new claims are added. Claim 1 is amended herein to clarify the invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that, upon entry of the subject amendment, the application will be in condition for allowance. Applicant, thus, respectfully requests consideration of the above amendment and following remarks.

Claim 1 is directed to a coin laundry management system. A coin laundry device, a control device, a data controller and a plurality of cameras are provided at a coin laundry store. Each camera has controllable zoom, pan and tilt functions. A central control device is provided at a remote location. The central control device and the plurality of cameras are connected to the internet. The central control device includes means for individually and remotely controlling the directional orientation and zoom of each camera. Image data from the cameras are continually uploaded to a website allowing an administrator viewing the website to respond to current conditions at the store, such as by changing the directional orientation and or zoom of a camera.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuroda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,859,778) in view of Fujimoto (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0211885).

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**Kuroda et al.** disclose a remote management system in which a central apparatus is connected with machines installed in a shop. An object is to change data stored in a memory of a control device of a machine which relates to operation of the machine, (Col. 2, lines 35-38). The data is to be changed from a remote central control apparatus without dispatching personnel to the site of the machine, (Col. 2, lines 39-41). The Examiner indicates that Kuroda does not disclose a network camera that converts still images to moving images, then sends them to a central controller.

**Fujimoto** discloses a game facility monitoring system. The game facility may be watched by a video camera (Paragraphs [0007], [0062]). A game machine, system control computer, and the video camera are connected by a local area network, (Paragraph [0062]). Fujimoto does not disclose remotely controlling zoom, pan or tilt functions of the camera.

**Claim 1** distinguishes over the cited art based at least upon the following claim limitations:

- wherein ... **each one camera having controllable functions for zoom, pan and tilt;**
- wherein **the central control device and the network camera are constantly connected to an internet, the central control device comprising means for individually and remotely controlling**

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**directional orientation and zoom of said each one camera to facilitate near real time interactive monitoring of the coin laundry store via the internet;**

- **wherein the obtained moving image data from inside and outside the store is continually uploaded via the internet to a website, ... wherein the system facilitates real-time control of a condition in and around the coin laundry store in which an administrator, in real time, viewing the website can review data captured in real time, and implement either one or both of directional orientation and zoom change to one or more of the plurality of cameras.**

It is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not disclose a management system in which a plurality of cameras each have controllable zoom, pan and tilt, nor means located remote from the managed facility for individually and remotely controlling directional orientation and zoom of each camera to facilitate near real time interactive monitoring. It also is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not disclose a management system in which information is communicated via the internet and displayed at a website, allowing a remotely-located administrator to monitor and control the facility, such as to change the direction and or zoom of one or more cameras.

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Support for the amendments to claim 1 are found in the substitute specification at page 16, lines 3-8 and lines 17-21; and at page 17, line 18 to page 18, line 16.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of \$130.00 for the extension is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form  
for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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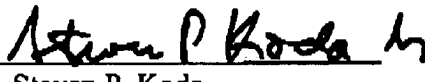
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